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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ISRAEL TO POSTPONE GICNT WORKSHOP

REF: A) TEL AVIV 000863

¶1. (U) This is an action request for Embassy Tel Aviv.
Please see paragraph 3.

¶2. (SBU) BACKGROUND: Per REF A, the GOI proposed an expert-level Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) workshop in November 2009 to focus on legal aspects and forensics issues related to combating nuclear and radiological terrorism. The GOI requested an answer from GICNT co-chairs U.S. and Russia on the feasibility of the workshop to begin planning in earnest and to announce it at the GICNT plenary in June.

¶3. (SBU) ACTION REQUEST: Post is requested to inform the GOI that Washington believes the workshop proposal is an excellent idea, and we thank the GOI for their work. However, it will not be feasible to conduct such an event in November due to conflicting GICNT events. Washington suggests the GOI may not receive the representation the workshop deserves unless the date is changed. Washington suggests early or late February 2010 as alternative dates. Post is also requested to let the GOI know that we would be happy to work with them to tailor the agenda and line up the appropriate experts. The forensics workshop proposed by the GOI would be a logical next step in augmenting our mutual efforts to combat nuclear and radiological terrorism.

¶4. Washington appreciates Post's assistance.

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